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## **Gateway to the Business World in China**

After months of preparation, the formation of China and New Zealand Business Council came to fruition, with the inaugural meeting held in the Parliament, and the launch of a historical bibliography of successful Chinese in New Zealand by Hon Chris Carter.

Addressing the audience of 200 business and community leaders, Mr Carter commended the Council's initiatives to create a platform for businesses in the two countries to engage in trade negotiations and value-added business relations. His view was shared by Mr Pat English of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise who emphasised the importance of China as our fourth largest trading partner and a major import/export country.

The Chinese Ambassador, Mr Zhang Yuanyuan, spoke about the desire of the leaders of the two countries to conclude the free trade agreement negotiation, and recognised the Council's role in providing assistance for businesses facing exciting new challenges under the agreement.

The Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the China Embassy, Mr Liu Linlin, had high praise for the first Wellington-based business organisation and he pledged support for the Council.

The vision of Ms Linda Zhang, the Council's Chairperson, was to facilitate the business relations of the two countries, and she was especially keen to help open doors for New Zealand's small to medium-size businesses venture into the China market.

